SOUTHERN GETS TWO MORE LINES

Reported to Have Gotten From Kansas City to Birmingham.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN VIRGINIA.

Considerable Activity at Present-Stonework of the C. & O. Viaduct in This City Is Completed-Work on the New Station Keeps Pace-Railroad Notes.

It was reported in railway circles yes terday that the Southern Railway had secured control of the Kansas City, Mem-phis and Birmingham Road, which extends from Birmingham to Memphis, and the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Gulf, which extends from Memphis to Kansas Negotiations for the purchase of these two hoads have been pending for some time. It was thought recently that the St. Louis and San Francisco would get a controlling interest, but the South-ern is now thought to have acquired it. The total length of the two roads, including all branches, is 1,423 miles. The Southern has recently purchased two other roads which may come under the head of western lines-the Louisville, Evansville and St. Louis, and the Mobile

There is considerable road being built in the two Virginias at present. The Norone or more of its branches through Car-roll and Grayson counties, Va., and into roll and Grayson counties, va., and more alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, N. C. It is stated that a line will be built from Gosan, Virginia, to the Ballou ore district, in Ashe county, N. C., making a line of about seventy-five miles in length.

Some grading has been done on the Season and Augusta a road remning

Staunton and Augusta, a road renning from Staunton to Stuart's Draft, about fourteen miles. The projected lip, how-ever, is to Elkins, a distance of 145

The Chesapeake and Ohio will be tapp-The Chesapeake and Ohio will be tapped near Gauley Junction, W. Va., by the Imboden Coal and Coke Company, now making surveys for a six-mile line, which it proposes to build at once, between the mines and Gauley.

The work on the concrete foundations and the piers of the Chesapeake and Ohio viaduct through this city has been completed. The work on the steel super-structure is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Work was begun yesterday an the span which brings the completed viaduct down the river to a point opposite the Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company. The comple tion of this span will make the work more than half done. The work on the Main-Street Station is going forward so rapidly that the completion of the building by June 1st seems assured. It looks as though Chesapeake and Ohio and Seaboard Air trains would be running into the completed station by July 1st at the latest,

The Chesapeake and Ohio has received The Chesapeake and Onlo has received from the Pressed Steel Car Company a coal car of unique design. It is a self-clearing car, although the hoppers do not go down in an angle, as in most hopper cars, but the load is dropped by means of drop-doors, operated in a manner similar to those of a flat-bottom gondola. This gives the car an appearance similar to the high-side, flat-bottom gondola. The cars have a capacity of 55 tons bituminous coal, the light weight full, 1900 cubic feet, and with a ten-

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Every instrument in this lot is a

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square Pianos, and feeling the need of

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to quick purchasers at astonishing low

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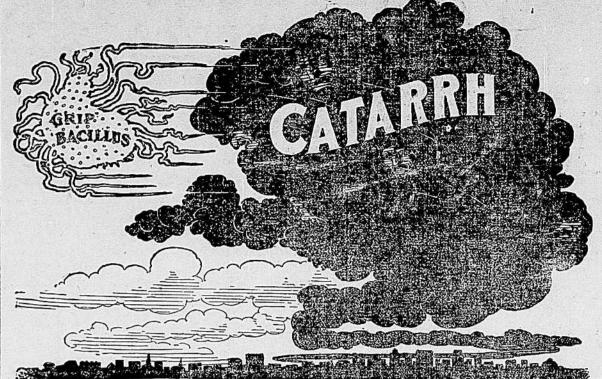
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AFTER THE GRIP COMES CATARRH.



IKE A TERRIBLE CYCLONE grip bacillus has passed over our coun try, from the Atlantic to the Paci fic, leaving behind it a dark cloud of anguish and despair.

Catarrh follows grip as effect follows

A icultitude of catarrh victims will spring up in the trail of the awful epi-demic of grip that has just passed over our fair country.

The hope to these people is Peruna.

Most people know this already.
Everyone who has had the least touch
of grip should not fall to take a course
of treatment with Peruna. Peruna eradicates every vestige of the

Peruna cradicates every vestige of the disease and leaves the system in a normal condition.

Hon. Joseph B. Crowley, Congressman from Illinois, writes from the National Hotel, Washington, D. C., as follows: "After giving Peruna a fair trial I can cheerfully recommend your remedy to anyone suffering with coughs, colds, la grippe and all catarrhal complaints."—I. B. Crowley. J. B. Crowley.

Hon. George II. White, Congressman from North Carolina, writes: "I am more than satisfied with Peruna, and find it to be an excellent remedy for

my family, and they all join me in re-commending it as an excellent remedy."-George H. White.

Hon. J. P. Megrew, Superintendent U.
S. Capital Police Force, of Washington,

"Having suffered from the grlp. I was advised by a friend to use your Peruna. I also used it for my catarrh, and I can now cheerfully recommend your remedy to anyone who is suffering from the grip and catarrh."—J. P. Megrew.

Miss Anna Russell, Past Worthy Counselor, Loyal Mystic Legion, 293 Endicott

Building, St. Paul, Minn., writes:

"For years I have unfortunately found
my system in a peculiarly receptive condition for catarrh when I was exposed
in any way to inclement weather. At

times I would be severely afflicted with la grippe and its unpleasant con-"Now for the past year and a half

have used Peruna in such cases and have found that it not only cures me quickly, but it also cleaness my blood and ren-ders me less liable to catch cold. It is the finest preventative of colds that I

Miss Alice Dressler, 1313 North Bryant Minneapolis, Minn., writes: "Last spring I suffered from la grippe and was partially cured, but the bad after-effects remained through the sum-mer, and somehow I did not get strong as I was before. In the fall I caught a cold after getting my feet wet and attending a lecture in a cold hall, and I suffered a relapse. An unpleasant catarrh

suffered a relapse. An unpleasant catarra of the head and throat followed, and as I was in a weak condition physically previous to this, it took but little to break me down completely.

"One of my college friends who was visiting me, asked me to try Peruna, and I did so and found it all and more than I had expected. It not only cured me of the catarrh, but restored me to perfect Health, built up the entire system, and brought a happy feeling of buoyancy which I had not known for years."—Miss Alice Dressler.

you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will pleased to give you his valuable ad-

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

inch average heap, 2,122 feet.

"Virginia Hot Springs" the title of the attractive booklet issued by the pas-senger department of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The booklet is done in deep olive, with embossing in white, while the illustrations are very attrac-

President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and family returned yesterday from the Mardi Gras.

Cept. R. S. Brock, yardmaster of the Atlantic Coast Line at Charleston, spent Sunday with his family in Richmond. He recently hurt his leg by falling on the ice.

Assistant General Manager R. B. Pegram, of the Southern was here yesterday on a tour of inspection.

Hon. Beverly B. Munford has not been owing to severe indisposition.

BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Forerunger of Much That Is Expected.

A well known builder of this city asserted yesterday that the long expected activity in home building in this city had begun. Inquiry for property suitable for weeks. Quite recently considerable property of this character has been sold to intending builders. The contract has just been let for eight large tenements at Fourth and Canal Streets. The build-ings are to be of brick, built after the most modern plans and will be completed within a few weeks.

The old Stratton homestead on North

Twenty-fourth Street has been purchased by Messrs, John and Henry McKinley, Eighteenth and Marshall Streets, and a block of four brick houses will be erected

thereon at once.

The erection of sixteen new residences on Oakwood Avenue will be commenced in a few days. The houses are to be built for John L. Williams & Sons and F. E. Nolting, and will be occupied by employes of the Traction Company when they begin operating cars from the Oak-wood end of the line. The buildings will

have from six to ten rooms each.

One well known agent said yesterday
he expected to see five hundred new
homes erected in this city before next Just at present there are more resi-

deness going up in Fulton than in any other section of the city. Mr. R. T. Cot-trell is erecting a half-dozen residences on Fulton Street, near Virginia, and Mrs. residence buildings at Fourth and Denny The American Ether Company and the

Richmond Guano Company are making extensive additions to their respective plants.

The sensational report of an impending

carpenters' strike had a depressing effect upon those who contemplated building, but the later assurance that there would be no strike has helped the situa-

A well known capitalist of this city is quoted as saying that he did not know a better investment than Richmond im-proved real estate, not even Chemical

President Bemiss said yesterday that it was possible a larger building would be purchased and fitted up for offices for the Richmond Traction Company and the Virginia Electrical Railway and Develop-

Virginia Electrical Railway and Development Company, and for John L. Williams & Sons, bankers and brokers.

Among the buildings in view is the Hanewinckel Building, at Ninth and Main Streets. Mr. Bemiss said that, while there has been some talk of the purchase of this property, the matter is still in a tentative state. This is not the only building that has been inspected with a view of nurchase.

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Mr. Bemiss added that a building for offices for the engineering force might

the erected on the river front, and if this is done the congested condition of the offices would be relieved.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway Company has just fitted up handsome offices in the second story of the building at the north-west corner of Main and

JUDGES MASON AND WRIGHT.

A Move Made to Bring Them Out as Convention Candidates.

(Special Dispatch to The Times,) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 25.—A movement having been started to bring out Circuit Judges John E. Mason and T. R. B. Wright for the Constitutional Con-R. B. Wright for the Constitutional Convention, the former to represent a portion of the Northern Neck and the latter Essex county on the south side of the Rappahannock, both of these distinguished judges in interviews to be published in the Free Lance to-morrow state that they are not candidates, that they already hold constitutional offices and that ready hold constitutional offices and that

ready hold constitutional offices and that they will be kept busy performing the duties of their respective circuits.

Rev. J. L. Chestnutt, of Ashland, Va., who recently accepted the pastorate of the Christian Church here, entered upon his duties yesterday, preaching at both the morning and evening service.

A movement is on foot looking to the receiver of a factory for manufacturing.

erection of a factory for manufacturing tin cans in the Northern Neck at some point near the mouth of Coan River. That part of the Neck is a fine trucking section, and the many canning establish-ments in Westmoreland and Northumber-land counties would use a large part of

their furniture. Mr. Brown also lost a sum of money and his watch.

The remains of Mr. W. H. Vawter, of Louisa county, who was killed by an explosion of dynamite while blasting in some railroad work near Cumberland, Md.. were carried to his old home for interment. Mr. H. E. Faulconer, of Orange county, who was engaged in the same work, was injured, but will recover.

PRIMARY FOR BRUNSWICK.

Only the True-Blue Democrats to Vote for Convention Delegates.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., Feb. 25.-

The Democratic Executive Committee of this county met this afternoon at the request of R. Turnbull, the county chairman, and decided to have a primary to nominate a candidate for the conven tion. The precinct chairmen of the re-spective precincts to name two gentle-men, who are to act as judges, and one

as clerk, who are to be Democrats.

The primary is to be held on the 13th of April, and the expenses of said primary are to be borne by the respective precincts, the executive committee to meet on the 16th day of April to canvass the vote and decide who will be the nominee of the party. No one will be allowed to vote at the primary unless he voted the Democratic

ticket at the last presidential election, or is a Democrat and pledges himself to vote for the nominee. The County Court convened to-day,

but nothing of importance was before

The people of the county are interested in the convention, and but few are in favor of submitting the Constitution to the people for ratification. The name of Robert Turnbull is being mentioned by his friends in connection with the nomi-nation, and while he says he is not a candidate, it is understood that he will be the candidate if the people wish.

THE NEW STAR,

Discovered Friday at the University of Virglnia. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VA., Feb. 25.-The wonderful new star in the constellation Perseus was first seen at the

Leander McCormick Observatory a few minutes after 7 P. M., on Friday, by Mr. Richard D. Micou, of Alexandria, Va., a student in the academical department of the University. He drew a map of the constellation Perseus, with the position and magnitude of the star indicated, and reported the facts, exhibiting the map to Prof. W. J. Hunmphreys on Saturday This is the brightest new star that has

been observed since the discovery of the telescope, three hundred years ago. Any persons not familiar with the constella-tions can readily find the star by following a straight line from the seven stars toward the pole star, noting the brightest star near that line, about one-third of the distance from the former to the latter. At 7 P. M. it is a little west of the zenith.

TRANSPORTS WITH TROOPS.

A Demented Negro Attempts to Hang Himself in Jail.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 25.-The ransport Sedgewick will arrive here Wednesday from Cuba with the Second

Wednesday from Cuba with the Second Battalion of the Tenth Infantry, which will occupy new stations in the west as the home battalion of its regiment. Next Sunday morning another transport will come from Porto Rico and bring a battalion of native Porto Ricans to participate in the inaugural parade Monday.
William White, a negro recently sent on to the grand jury on a serious charge attempted to take his life in jail by hang-ing himself with a rope made by tearing his clothes into strips, and when an at-tendant offered to hasten his end with a revolver with a view of testing the negro's sanity. White calmly put his head forward to the bars and told him to shoot

Ever since White was incarcerated in jail he has made miserable the lives of the jail attendants and the prisoners. He is evidently demented.

Virginia Postmasters.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) At the burning yesterday of the residence on "White Cottage" farm in Stafford county, owned by Mr. Z. M. Honey, Mr. William A. Brown and family, formerly of Culpeper county, the tenants, who occupied the building, lost nearly all of Kenady, vice W. H. Kenady, resigned.

THE DEATH OF MAJOR FINNEY

Bowed Down With Long Suffering, He Ends His Life.

WAS A WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN.

Born in Powhatan, He Served With Distinction Throughout the War--- Was Totally Blind and a Great Sufferer---Leaves a Wife and Little Girl.

In a state of temporary mental derangement, to which he was driven by rangement, to which he was driven by blindness and long physicial suffering, augmented by brooding over the recent death of his bosom friend, Mr. Jack Giliam, of - Powhatan, Major Randolph Harrison Finney took his own life about 9:30 o'cleck Sunday morning, in his room, at No. 1303 Floyd Avenue,
Major Finney arose as usual and came down-stairs and assisted his wife in getting things in readiness for breakfast. About ten minutes before the deed was committed which ended his earthly career ho went back to his

ed his earthly career he went back to his room to prepare for breakfast. A few moments later his wife called him, but he did not answer. She called a second time, and knowing his feeble condition and fearing he had fainted, rushed up-stairs to meet the horrifying spectacle of her hus-band's body suspended from a transom by a rope and his life well nigh extinct. Drs. Christopher Ton:pkins and Lewis Bosher were immediately summoned, and did all in their power to restore the dying man, but without success. They stated that it was not the deliberate act of a sane man, but that the unfortunate vic-tim of his own hand was in a state of temporary insanity, caused by brooding over his physical condition, he being totally blind, and otherwise a great sufferer.
WAS IN GOOD SPARITS.

WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS.

Although Major Finney had been in wretched health for several years and was totally blind, he had been apparently unusually bright for the past few days, and seemed in much better spirits than

Major Finney was born in Powhatan ccurty, where he spent the greater part of his life. He was sixty-five years of age and was of distinguished parentage, his father laying been the late Captain William Finney, of the Richmond Blues, and his mother a Miss Wood, of a prom-

inent English family.

Major Finney spent most of his life in Powhatan, having lived in this city about fourteen years. He was highly educated, having attended prominent schools in this country and in England. He was engaged in no active business at the time of his death, the last position he held having been with the late firm of Richardson & Co., carpet dealers of this city.

For thirty years Major Finney had been almost totally blind, having lost one eye when a boy, and the other as the result of an aggravated case of erysipelas. A GALLANT SOLDIER. Major, Finney served with distinction throughout the Civil War as quartermas-ter on the staff of General Harry Heth,

and often afterwards congratulated him-self upon coming out without losing the sight of his other age. He served with distinguished gallantry at Gettysburg, and on many other fields and followed the cause until it was lost

at Appemattox.

Lip was widely popular, both in this city and in Powhatan, and his friends were greatly shocked to learn of his sad death. Major Finney was married about elever years ago to Mis: Emily Creed, of Ohio, who with a bright little girl of seven,

He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. E. C. Battelle, of this city, and two brothers—Colonel W. W. Finney, of this city, and Mr. L. Harvey Finney, of Washing-

survives him.

ton D. C.
Major Finney was a man of unusual attainments, kind and genial in his nature

tainments, kind and genar has a true, strictly loyal in his friendships and a true type of a Virginia gentieman.

The funeral trok place at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the late residence, and the interment was in Holly-

CITY HALL COURTS.

Decision Expected To-Day in the Eighth Street Injunction Case.

Judge Lamb will probably hand down his opinion to-day, in the petition for a dissolution of the injunction proceedings asked for by the Traction Company in reference to the Eighth Street tracks. In the Law and Equity Court the following notices for motion for judgment have been filed:

George Rupp, Jr., against Charles H. Myers for \$152. Charles Bright against the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reform-

ers for \$500. Mary E. Walker against R. F. Young

for \$52. The suit of John T. Goddin & Co. vs. Catham F. Harris for \$215 was tried in the Law and Equity Court yesterday, and a verdict given for plaintiff.

Contagious Blood Poison

There is no poison so highly contagious, so deceptive and so destructive. Don't be too sure you are cured because all external signs of the disease have disappeared, and the doctor says you are well. Many persigns of the disease have disappeared, and the doctor says you are well. Many per-sons have been dosed with Mercury and Potash for months or years, and pro-nounced cured—to realize when too late that the disease was only covered up— Like Begets Like. driven from the surface to break

out again, and to their sorrow and mortification find those nearest and dearest to them have been infected by this loathsome disease, for no other poison is so surely transmitted from parent to child Often a bad case of Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula or severe skin disease an old sore or ulcer developing in middle life, can be traced to blood poison con-

tracted The Sin of the Parent. life, for it remains smoldering in the system forever, unless properly treated and driven out in the beginning. S. S. S. is the only antidote for this peculiar virus, the only remedy known that can over come it and drive it out of the blood, and it does this so thoroughly and effectually that there is never a return of the disease to embarrass or humiliate you afterwards.

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your constitution; it is
purely vegetable and the only blood purifier known that cleanses the blood and at the same time builds up the general

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to be attractive are languid and weak. Woman's influence in the world is limited by her strength, and the strength of health is real strength.

It brings with it beauty and grace and leveliness of dis-

To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband, should be a woman's constant study. If she would be all she may, she must guard well against the signs of ill health.

Regular and painless menstruation is absolutely necessary. The help which Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound gives to women who are attacked by any disorder of the feminine organism is real, permanent help. It cures all weaknesses of the organs and makes it possible for women to retain their health and beauty to mature years.

Mrs. Bazley Tells of Relief from Suffering.



"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It gives me great pleasure and, at the same time, I feel it a duty to send you this testimonial in regard to your Vege-table Compound. It has worked wonders with me. I was a great sufferer with ulceration of the womb, had such backache and bearing-down pains that it required a great effort to do a small amount of my household duties. Since taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I am able to do all my own work and feel like a new woman. Your Sanative Wash also is something I could not afford to be without. I cannot say enough in behalf of your remedies. I heartily recommend them to all suffering women."—MRS. F. C. BAZLEY, 724 4th Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Walter Senf qualified as executor of the last will and testament of Katherine Senf in the Chancery Court yesterday after-noon. The estate is valued at \$4.700. Leslie H. Drew qualified to practice in w ery Court vesterday.

William Saunders alias Henry Brown (colored) was tried in the Hustings Court yesterday for breaking into a Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomae freight car and stealing a box of shoes assigned to Taylor & Brown, and was given two years in the penitentiary. At the last term he was found guilty of assaulting Officer Pop Tate and given two years.

This is the man that Detective John Hall believes is wanted in North Carofor mutder committed several years ago.

Old Point Not Virginia. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Feb. 25.— Judge Blackstone, of the Circuit Court, Saturday handed down a decision of ex-treme importance and which may bring about further complications between the county of Elizabeth City and the residents of Old Point Comport. He holds that Old Point is not a part of Virginia, and consequently the real and personal property there ought not to be taxed for school purposes by the county. Two years ago Chesapeake District School Board, which has district control of the Phoebus schools, secured an ijunction against the County School Board re-straining it from distributing among the

of the districts of Elizabeth City county instead of Chesapeake District only. The matter will be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States for final decision. It is probable now that residents of Old Point will refuse to pay taxes further to the State of Virginia.

Juvenile Postoffice Robbers. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., February 25.— Three black boys—George Wikins, Edward Shievers and William Kale—whose ages range from 10 to II years, were to-day, by United States Commissioner Bowden, sent on to the May term of the United States

Court on the charge of breaking into and robling the post-office at Cape Charles on Washington's birthday. The boys, who admit their gullt, secured only fifty-two cents' worth of stamps and some \$4 in

A Man Frozen.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

SUFFOLK, VA., February 25.— Having been absent from home since Sut-urday night, friends of Sterling Jones (colored), thirty years old, of Elwood, last night became uneasy and started a search,

MAJOR PATTON WILL NOT TALK

A Director, However, Denies That Only Five Shares of Stock are Held by Richmond People. President James D. Patton, of the Pas-

senger and Power Company, was seen yesterday in reference to a report that only five shares of the stock of the company were owned by Richmond people, and that Mr. Fisher and Dr. Munn still had the controlling interest.

The Major refused to discuss the matter at all. He said he always tried, and would always try, to keep out of newspaper controversies.
Mr. George Ainslie, of the firm of Mar-

Mr. George Ainslie, of the firm of Mar-tin & Ainslie, general counsel for the company, I'ad no statement to make for publication. One of the directors, how-ever, gave out the following statement: "I wish to deny positively that a majori-ty of the stock of the Richmond Passen-per and Power Company is controlled by ger and Power Company is controlled by George E. Fisher and Dr. John P. Munn,"

straining it from distributing among the four districts of the county the school tax collected on the property at Old Point, its contention being that Old Point was a part of Chesapeake District up to the time that Virginia ceded the tract to the Government for a military reservation, and that the money collected there should benefit Chesapeake District instead of all four districts.

After hearing argument of counsel for both sides, Judge Blackstone rendered his decision, holding that Old Point is not a part of Virginia and that the special tax, if, indeed, it was legal for any to be collected from the property there by the State of Virginia, should go to all four of the districts of-Elizabeth City county instead of Chesapeake District only. The matter will be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States for final de-

"There is nothing to conceal in this matter We have never made conceal-ment. The Richmond Passenger and matter We have never made concarement. The Richmond Passenger and Power Company is controlled by personaliving eisewhere, just as the Richmond Traction Company is so controlled. It is simply ridiculous to say that Mr. Fisher and Dr. Munn lead about by the nose' the New York men among the stockholders, such a man as S. P. Bayne, for instance, the president of the Seabjard National Bank."

STREET-CAR NOTES.

STREET-CAR NOTES. Representatives of both the Traction and the Passenger and Power Company were seen yesterday and they stated that verything was moving along nicely and before very long the questions in refer-ence to the joint use of tracks will be

The Passenger and Power Company is

making considerable progress in the work of the rehabilitation of its lines, though the cold weather has retarded As soon as the weather permits the

Traction Company will hasten the work of completing its tracks on Eighth Street and Eighteenth Street. The Traction Company's barn at Oak-wood has been practically completed.

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